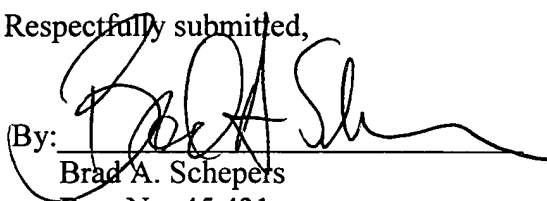


REMARKS

New claims 133-216 have been added via this Preliminary Amendment. The Applicant notes that new claims 133-216 have been copied from U.S. Patent Application No. 10/112,745 to Michelson (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0161442) to preserve the Assignee's right to provoke an interference under 35 U.S.C. §135.

Upon entry of this Amendment, the subject application will contain claims 63-216 pending and under consideration. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application is respectfully requested. Timely action towards a Notice of Allowability is hereby solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any outstanding matters concerning the subject application.

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